



Civic Loop

Promoting Recycling through Community Leadership



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Holiday Collection Schedule

Independence Day
Saturday, July 4, 2009

No changes to the normal recycling collection schedule.

Labor Day
Monday, September 7, 2009

If your collection day is:	Your collection day this week is:
Monday, Sept. 7	Tuesday, Sept. 8
Tuesday, Sept. 8	Wednesday, Sept. 9
Wednesday, Sept. 9	Thursday, Sept. 10
Thursday, Sept. 10	Friday, Sept. 11
Friday, Sept. 11	Saturday, Sept. 12

Reminder:

Recycle your plastic bottles, containers, jars, tubs, lids, pails, buckets, Tupperware-type containers, and flower pots in your blue bin with your aluminum cans and foil, bi-metal steel/tin cans, empty aerosol cans, and glass bottles and jars.



Earth Day 2009 Celebration: A Huge Success



County Executive Isiah Leggett and Councilmember Nancy Floreen highlight the denim recycling collection event during the Division of Solid Waste Services' Earth Day celebration.

On Saturday, April 25, 2009, the Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) hosted its annual Earth Day celebration to raise awareness of recycling, waste reduction, buying products made with recycled content, reuse, grasscycling, composting, and other environmental issues.

A record of more than 1,400 residents came to this event and visited the many exhibitors and displays that were set up and had all of their questions answered. In addition, 465 people participated in tours of the Montgomery County Recycling Center to see how recyclable materials that are collected at the curb are processed to be sent to recycling markets to be made into new materials.

The Division also hosted a paper shredding drive during the event, where 147 people brought a total of 4,800 pounds of paper for shredding and recycling. County Executive Isiah Leggett and Councilmember Nancy Floreen highlighted the Denim Drive for Recycling collection event to encourage residents to recycle their unwanted denim clothing that will eventually be recycled into building insulation for use in homes constructed by Habitat for Humanity (see photo). A total of 132 denim items were collected during the event.

Disposal of Prescriptions/Medicines



How do I properly dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals?*

What do you do when you are cleaning out your medicine cabinet and you encounter expired or unwanted medications and prescriptions? You may put medicine which is no longer needed or expired into the regular household trash. Special disposal as household hazardous waste is not necessary. Please do not dispose of medicine by pouring it down the drain or into a toilet (unless the instructions on the label specifically advise this). In any case be sure to:

- Remove or make un-readable the patient's name from the plastic vial or bottle and place the plastic bottle into your blue bin for recycling.
- Make the remaining medication undesirable by:
 - Crushing pills or tablets or mixing them with kitty litter or coffee grounds
 - Placing them into a plastic re-sealable bag or other empty container and into your regular household trash.

An Alternative: Medicine Recycling

Some organizations accept unused and unexpired medications for recycling in which the medicine they collect is then sent to clinics in other countries. Here is a list of some companies that will accept certain types of unused and unexpired medications:

The MADRE Medical Project

Telephone: 212-627-0444
meds@madre.org
www.madre.org/programs/ha/medicalproject.html



MADRE accepts donations of unused medications that will not reach their expiration date for at least six months after they are delivered.

MADRE also accepts donations of alternative medicines such as herbal supplements (i.e., Echinacea) and homeopathic remedies.

The Starfish Project

Telephone: 212-746-7164
info@thestarfishproject.org
www.thestarfishproject.org/donate.cfm

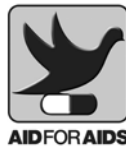


The Starfish Project is part of the Center for Special Studies at New York-Presbyterian Hospital. It accepts all antiretroviral (ARV) medications.

It also collects other medications that can be used to treat opportunistic infections, such as antifungals/antimycotics, antivirals, antibiotics, and others.

Aid For AIDS

Telephone: 212-337-8043
info@aidforaids.org
www.aidforaids.org/donate_faqs.php



Aid For AIDS currently provides lifelong antiretroviral (ARV) treatment and treatment education (secondary prevention, side effects management, adherence support) to HIV+ individuals (mostly in Latin America and the Caribbean) who would not otherwise have access to these life-saving therapies.

Aid For AIDS collects all antiretroviral medications, nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors, non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors, medicines to prevent and treat HIV-related opportunistic infections ("OIs") such as antibiotics, antifungals, other antivirals and anti-neoplastics. Other medicines include those used for HIV wasting disease and side-effects management (e.g., for peripheral neuropathy, lipid lowering drugs, anti-emetics). They welcome both adult and pediatric formulas and dosages.

*Montgomery County has compiled this listing through various sources and does not present it as a complete directory of all vendors that provide such service, nor offer it as an endorsement of any of the companies.

E-cycling Event

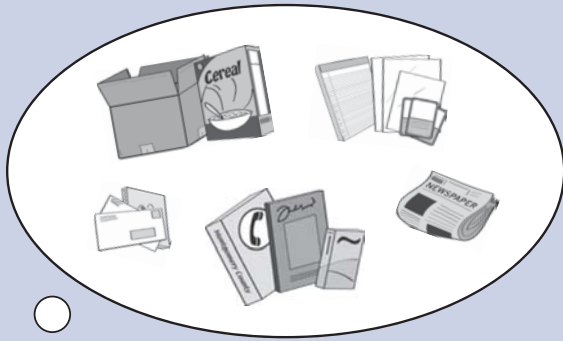
The DSWS hosted a special electronics recycling collection event at the Bethesda/Chevy Chase High School in Bethesda on Sunday, June 7, 2009. Thanks to all of the residents that came to recycle 81,400 pounds or 40.7 tons of old and unwanted televisions, computers, monitors, cords, telephones, radios, and more. Almost 700 county residents came to the event and waited patiently in line while workers emptied the unwanted materials from their vehicles. The County's electronic recycling company, E-Structors, located in ElkrIDGE, Maryland will sort through all of the materials collected, refurbish usable equipment, and recycle the unusable equipment. Special thanks to Bethesda Green for helping to spread the word to the community about the event and to Honest Tea for providing free samples of their beverages.



County residents lined up to recycle their electronics making this collection day a huge recycling success.

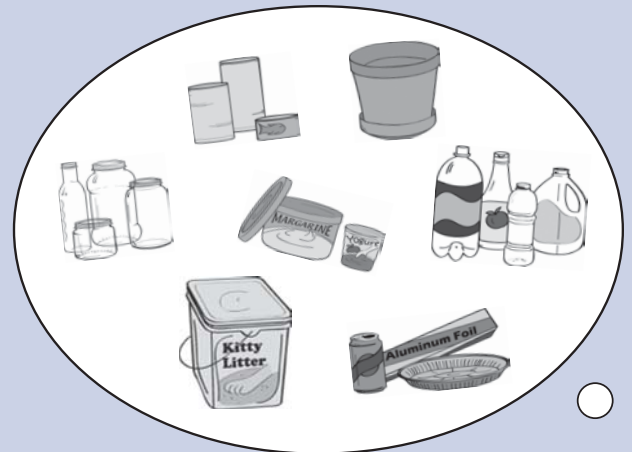
Think Recycling!

Montgomery County residents can recycle many types of materials right at their curb. If you're not sure about what is acceptable in the County's curbside recycling collection program, here is a quick reminder.



MIXED PAPER

- Shredded paper
- Newspaper
- Paperboard
- Corrugated cardboard
- Unwanted mail
- Magazines
- Phone books
- Hard and soft cover books
- Milk/juice cartons
- Frozen food boxes
- Clean, dry paper



COMMINGLED MATERIALS

- Glass bottles and jars
- Aerosol cans
- Plastic bottles and containers
- Plastic buckets
- Plastic lids
- Flower pots
- Plastic soup containers
- Yogurt containers
- Steel and bi-metal tin cans
- Aluminium cans and foil
- Kitty litter buckets
- Detergent tubs
- Tupperware-type containers

Calendar of Upcoming Events

June 2009

Volunteer Orientation Session

Thursday, June 25, 2009
101 Monroe Street
Lobby Level Auditorium
Rockville, Maryland 20850
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

August 2009

Composting Training at Brookside Nature Center

Saturday, August 1, 2009
Wheaton Regional Park
1400 Glenallan Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20902
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 4, 2009
Briggs Chaney Shopping Center
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Neighbors of the Northwest Branch Composting Presentation

Tuesday, August 4, 2009
White Oak, Maryland
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

Friday, August 14 - Saturday,
August 22, 2009
Gaithersburg, Maryland
9:00 am - 9:00 pm

September 2009

Twinbrook Community Day

Saturday, September 12, 2009
Rockville, Maryland
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Celebrate Gaithersburg

Sunday, September 17, 2009
Gaithersburg, Maryland
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Montgomery County Police 1st District Open House

Saturday, September 26, 2009
Rockville, Maryland
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm



It's Cool to Recycle at Your Community Pool

Don't forget to set up a recycling program at your community or neighborhood pool this summer. Recycling is required by law and clearly labeled containers for recyclable materials must be provided on-site for use and placed next to all trash cans and any vending machine that dispenses food and beverages in recyclable packaging. Work with your waste collection company to include recycling collection services as part of your service contract. The DSWS can provide labels for recycling containers and training and education to all staff. For information call 240-777-6400.



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Recycling for Multi-Family Properties (240) 777-6400
Recycling for Businesses (240) 777-6400
County Transfer Station (240) 777-6560
County Recycling Center (301) 417-1433
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